



Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 463 – ORGANIC LIQUID STORAGE



Tuesday, February 22, 2005

9:30 a.m.

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to solicit information and suggestions from the public on **Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 463 – Organic Liquid Storage**. The public workshop will also serve as a CEQA Scoping Meeting for the proposed action. The public hearing for the AQMD Governing Board to consider this rule amendment is tentatively scheduled for May 6, 2005.

Air Quality Objective

The air quality objective of Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage, is to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from storage of organic liquids.

Summary of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment will remove the hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) concentration standard for crude oil and the associated test method. It has been shown that the test method is unreliable. In addition, source testing has not detected H₂S around crude oil storage tanks indicating the H₂S in the fuel does not off-gas. Other changes are administrative in nature concerning definitions, test methods and misidentified paragraphs.

These include a definition for “Heavy Crude Oil”, that is associated with the addition of test methods for converting Reid vapor pressure to true vapor pressure, and language reinstated into the rule linking the rule and the Addendum (Storage Temperatures Versus Actual Vapor Pressure). The proposed amendments will not impact air quality.

California Environmental Quality Act

In accordance with CEQA, AQMD is the Lead Agency for PAR 463. Staff is reviewing the proposed project and will prepare an appropriate CEQA document. Comments and suggestions regarding environmental impacts from PAR 463 should be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

1. Proposed Amended Rule 463 - Organic Liquid Storage
2. Preliminary Draft Staff Report

To Obtain Copies of Above Documents

Copies of PAR 463 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report are available on the AQMD website (www.aqmd.gov) under Rules/Proposed Rules, or may be obtained from:

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Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send comments, documents or other information relevant to PAR 463 in writing no later than March 1, 2005 to:

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Questions regarding PAR 463 should also be directed to Pamela Perryman.